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SUBJ: NCNA ON THE WORSHIP OF CONFUCIUS ON TAIWAN

1. USING TERMS SIMILAR TO THE FEBRUARY RED FLAG DENUNCIATION OF PRESIDENT CHIANG'S NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE AND SPEECHES AT THE FEBRUARY 28 PEKING MEETING ON TAIWAN (HONG KONG 2501), NCNA MARCH 13 CRITICIZED THE NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP ON TAIWAN FOR PROMOTING CONFUCIANISM TO BOLSTER THEIR RULE AND ATTACK THE COMMUNISTS. IN A SIGNIFICANT NEW WRINKLE, NCNA REPORTED THAT PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO HAD RECEIVED PERSONAL INSTRUCTION FROM HIS FATHER ON CONFUCIANISM LAST OCTOBER AND NCNA COMPARED THIS TO LIN PIAO'S EARLIER INSTRUCTION OF HIS SON IN CONFUCIANISM. BOTH FATHERS ARE SAID TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH A "FEUDAL , FASCIST HEREDITARY DYNASTY". VICE PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN IS ALSO SINGLED OUT FOR CENSURE AS WELL AS CHEN LI-FU WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN CRITICIZED BY RED FLAG. IN THE END, NCNA COMES TO THE UNSURPRISING CONCLUSION THAT

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THE UPROAR ON TAIWAN ABOUT CONFUCIUS SHOWS THAT THE CAMPAIGN

IS "DEALING DEVASTATING BLOWS AT THE REACTIONAIRES, INCLUDING THE CHIANG KAI-SHEK CLIQUE."

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE THE FIRST SINGLING OUT OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO BY PRC CENTRAL MEDIA IN AT LEAST A YEAR. THE CRITICISM OF THE PREMIER AND VICE PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN, LIKE THE TOUGHER STANCE TAKEN THIS YEAR AT THE FEBRUARY 28 PEKING MEETING, TENDS TO CONFIRM THE SHELIVING OF LAST YEAR'S PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TOUTING "UNCONDITIONAL TALKS" AND "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION".
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